

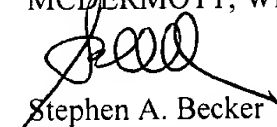
REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 3 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Appended hereto as Appendix A is a clean copy of claim 3 as amended.

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## APPENDIX A

3. A semiconductor production apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said depression has an elongated form extending in a radial direction of said susceptor.

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